

Directors and was later named to the MADD National Board of Advisors.

In 2005, Chuck became MADD CEO. Since then, he has developed MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, which successfully encourages States to require drunk drivers to use an ignition interlock device. He has also been an outspoken advocate for the development of advanced alcohol detection technology, which could someday completely eliminate drunk driving.

Chuck graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. From 1968 to 1970, he served in the U.S. Navy as an intelligence officer in Taipei, Taiwan. Chuck then worked for Congressman Bill Steiger, where he helped create the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

In the early 1980s, Chuck helped found the Lifesavers Conference, which is dedicated to reducing the tragic toll of deaths and injuries on our Nation's roadways. Chuck also served as the vice president of the Transportation Safety Group for the National Safety Council and as the executive director of the Council's Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign. In addition, Chuck served as a senior official at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Chuck has dedicated his career to making our highways safer for drivers and passengers. On behalf of everyone who uses our Nation's roadways, I am honored to express my gratitude and congratulations to Charles A. "Chuck" Hurley and extend my best wishes for a long and happy retirement.●

#### RECOGNIZING SMITH & WESSON

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Smith & Wesson in Houlton, ME—an Aroostook County economic anchor and an undeniable beacon for businesses in our great State and the Nation, especially in these precarious economic times. Indeed, the name Smith & Wesson has been synonymous with excellence since 1852, and I am proud to say it has been part of Maine's history since 1966 when the Houlton facility first opened its doors.

Over the Easter recess, I was privileged to visit the Smith & Wesson plant where its employees, in demonstrating their meticulous craftsmanship in manufacturing handcuffs and handguns, truly exemplify Maine's legendary work ethic and can-do spirit. As I toured the facility and spoke with these committed team members, I had the opportunity to learn about the vital role they play in assembling their products—and I couldn't help but beam with pride in their dedication to their craft. Their inexhaustible energy was palpable throughout their newly expanded plant, which now allows for shifts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I was also impressed to meet and speak with Smith & Wesson's plant manager, Terry Wade, who has been with the branch since 1972. Terry clearly

is deeply devoted to his work as he labors side by side with his employees. A humble individual who credits even his own successes to others, Terry is a force for innovation—and as I discovered, he invented a handcuff model, currently being produced by the company, for which he holds a patent. Terry is a shining testament to the loyalty and drive of Houlton's Smith & Wesson workers, many of whom have been there for more than 20 years.

And let me just say, what began over 40 years ago as a small manufacturing arm of the larger parent company—making parts for revolver assembly and shipping just one 40-pound box of parts a week from a 2,000 square foot building—has evolved steadily from a staff of 18 to today's 160 dedicated men and women who are second to none. In fact, the Houlton plant just completed a hiring phase which, frankly, is outstanding when we consider the tenuous state of our economy and the herculean challenge of creating jobs. Individuals and families are still experiencing the troubling effects of the worst recession since World War II, with unemployment hovering near 10 percent nationwide, so I and, indeed, all of us in this Chamber cannot commend the Houlton facility enough for bucking this trend and hiring more staff.

In addition to developing Smith & Wesson's exemplary line of restraints, the Houlton plant also makes all of the company's semi-automatic rimfire pistols, the Walther PPK and PPK/S, and the SW1911 Series pistols. Due in large part to the exceptional team in Houlton, Smith & Wesson ranks first in the supply of restraints to law enforcement and their weapons are highly sought after by police agencies, security divisions, and military organizations—who surely all recognize the invaluable expertise and reliable quality that goes into each item.

The accomplishments of this phenomenal enterprise in Maine are remarkable. In March 2009, the plant reached an extraordinary milestone when after 30 years of producing high quality handcuffs, it made its six millionth pair. What a landmark occasion for a signature product used worldwide. And with the recent increase in the workforce—not to mention an impressive half-million dollar expansion to their firing range—Smith & Wesson in Houlton was recently named Houlton Business of the Year for 2009—a well-deserved accolade.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said that, "far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Those words could not ring more true as we recognize this American success story. Smith & Wesson could not be more emblematic of the world-class industry and workforces that are associated with our great State of Maine. No wonder our State motto is "Dirigo" or "I lead," as that is just what this Smith & Wesson plant in Houlton has been doing for more than 44 years.●

#### RECOGNIZING MONROE, LOUISIANA ROTARY CLUB

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I am proud to recognize the members of the Monroe, LA, Rotary Club who have served our country honorably during war.

I would like to thank Charles C. Archibald, Raymond Armstrong, John Baker, Robert Barham, Ronald Blate, Reneau Breard, Lamar Buffington, Roy Cole, Jr., Barry Delcambre, Sam Donald, R.D. Farr, Leon Garfield, Hershall Gentry, James Greenlaw, William Guy, Harvey Hales, Robert Hammock, Howard John, Charles Johns, Barney Jones, Billy Lea, Earl Lingle, Miles Luke, Jim Myers, Ray Patron, Gregg Riley, Jack Tarver, Elbert L. Via and George Weakens for their courageous military service during wartime and for continued civic service in the greater Monroe area.

With the motto "Service Above Self," it is no surprise that these men would be inclined to be members of Rotary. Their lifetime of service is exhibited not only in service to their fellow citizens during a time of war but also in continued commitment to their community.

Rotary's four-way test asks four questions of all things members think, say, and do. These questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These four simple questions have proven to be excellent guidelines for a life of service. We thank these men for serving the Monroe community with these principles. The Monroe Rotary Club has sponsored many local projects including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth baseball, the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, and the Salvation Army, to name just a few.

Thus, today, I honor these veterans for their distinguished service in the U.S. armed services during wartime, and for their continued service to the State of Louisiana in the Monroe Rotary Club.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)